Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, The week of October 9-15 commemorates the great Chicago fire of 1871, in which 250 people were killed, 100,000 were left homeless and more than 17,400 buildings were destroyed; and,

WHEREAS, The majority of fire deaths occur in the home--at night--when the victims are asleep; and,

WHEREAS, The fire service of South Dakota is dedicated to saving lives and protecting property from the devastating effects of fire; and,

WHEREAS, Systems of smoke detectors in the home, with the correct number of detectors properly installed and maintained, are clearly effective in saving lives; and,

WHEREAS, The steps to ensure smoke detectors work properly--regular testing, battery replacement and cleaning--can be carried out easily; and,

WHEREAS, The members of the fire service are joined by the citizens of this state and businesses, schools, service clubs, and organizations in their fire prevention efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 9 through 15, 1988, as

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

in South Dakota, and I call upon the people of this great state to participate in fire prevention activities at home, work, and school and to do as the Fire Prevention Week theme for 1988 suggests, "A Sound You Can Live With...Test Your Detector."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixth Day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE